

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHRISTOPHER G. VALENCIA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
DEBORAH SAN JUAN,  
Defendant.

Case No. 1:22-cv-00360-JLT-EPG (PC)

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S  
REQUEST TO OPT OUT OF AN EARLY  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

(ECF No. 25)

This matter has been referred for an early settlement conference. (ECF No. 16). On December 5, 2022, Defendant filed a request to opt out of the settlement conference. (ECF No. 25). According to Defendant, defense counsel has conducted a preliminary investigation and has conferred with Plaintiff by telephone. (*Id.* at 2). "Having met and conferred, Defendant does not believe a settlement conference will be productive at this time, and requests to opt out of the Court's post-screening ADR project." (*Id.*).

The Court will grant Defendant's request to opt out of an early settlement conference.<sup>1</sup> A settlement conference may be scheduled at a later date, if appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the order regarding early settlement conference (ECF No. 16), Defendant did not need to file a request to opt out of the early settlement conference. Instead, Defendant should have filed a notice that Defendant is opting out of an early settlement conference.

1 Accordingly, it is ORDERED that Defendant's request to opt out of an early settlement  
2 conference (ECF No. 25) is GRANTED.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Dated: **December 6, 2022**

/s/ Eric P. Grogan  
6 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE